

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 were previously cancelled. Claims 23-31 and 35-39 are currently amended. Claims 32-34 are carried forward, all as follows.

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:
- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
 - an inking system adapted for use to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
 - first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
 - a plurality of inking rollers and ink application rollers in said inking system;
 - a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers and to said rotatable forme cylinder via said second ink distribution cylinder;
 - a second, rear ink path to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first ink path being before, in a sequence of ink applications to said forme cylinder, and in a direction of rotation of said forme cylinder, said second ink path; and
 - means supporting said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers for movement in said inking system between at least first and second positions and wherein said second ink path is supplied with ink selectively by direct contact between with said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers~~roller~~_[(,)] and one of said first ink distribution cylinder and said second ink distribution cylinder in accordance with said position of said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking

rollers~~roller~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 wherein said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers~~roller~~ in said second inking path can be selectively brought into contact with said first ink distribution cylinder and said second ink distribution cylinder.

25. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:
a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said inking press;
an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
means supporting at least one of said plurality of inking rollers for movement in said inking system between at least first and second positions;

a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder via said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers~~roller~~ and said second ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder;

a second ink path from said third ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder; and

a third, rear ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder via said third ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first ink path being before, in a sequence of ink applications to said rotatable forme cylinders, said second and third ink paths, said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers~~roller~~ selectively opening and closing said first and said second_[,] front ink path~~path~~ while said third

path is uninterrupted.

26. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 25 wherein said at least one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers~~roller~~ which is supported for movement can be selectively brought into contact with and out of contact with said second distribution cylinder.

27. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 further including a dampening system in said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one~~one~~ dampening fluid application roller, said at least one dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said at least one dampening fluid application roller selectively to one of said ink distribution cylinders and then to said forme cylinder₁ and directly to said forme cylinder.

28. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 25 further including a dampening system in said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one~~one~~ dampening fluid application roller, said at least one dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said at least one dampening fluid application roller selectively to one of said ink distribution cylinders and then to said forme cylinder₁ and directly to said forme cylinder.

29. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 further including a second movable one of said plurality of inking rollers and roller adapted to selectively interrupt, and to close an ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said second ink distribution cylinder.

30. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:

- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
- an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
- first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
- a plurality of inking rollers and ink application rollers in said inking system;
- a dampening system including at least one axially movable dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller;

means supporting at least one of said plurality each of said inking rollers and one of said plurality of ink application rollers for movement between selected positions in said inking system;

- a first, front ink path formed from said each first ink distribution cylinder via said second ink distribution cylinder and said third ink distribution cylinder application to said forme cylinder;
- a second, rear ink path;

means supplying dampening agent from said at least one axially movable dampening fluid distribution cylinder and said at least one dampening fluid application roller to said forme cylinder wherein said second ink distribution cylinder can be selectively assigned to only said inking system, to only said dampening system and to

both said inking system and said dampening system by selective positioning
~~of operationally resetting~~ said movable one of said plurality of inking application rollers
and said at least one dampening fluid application ~~roller~~rollers.

31. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said at least
movable one of said plurality of said inking rollers is movably supported in said inking
system and said at least one dampening fluid application roller is movably supported in
said dampening system, wherein said second ink distribution cylinder is selectively
assigned to ink application, to ink and dampening fluid application, and to dampening
fluid application by said selective positioning of said movable one of said plurality of
inking rollers and said at least one dampening fluid application roller.

32. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said dampening
system is a five-roller dampening system.

33. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 28 wherein said dampening
system is a five-roller dampening system.

34. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said dampening
system is a five-roller dampening system.

35. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim ~~27~~²³ wherein said at least one
movable dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with

said rotatable forme cylinder.

36. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim ~~31~~³⁰ wherein said at least one movable dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with said rotatable forme cylinder.

37. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished~~accompanied~~ by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening fluid application is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear ink~~application~~ path.

38. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 28 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished~~accompanied~~ by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening fluid application is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear ink~~application~~ path.

39. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished~~accompanied~~ by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening ~~fluid application~~ is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear ink~~application~~ path.